

Army Corporal Philip James Reed Waited Over Five Decades for the Award

Toms River, NJ – Congressman John Adler, the only N.J. Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, today hosted a small ceremony to present Army Corporal (Cpl.) Philip James Reed with the Purple Heart. Mr. Reed, a veteran of the Korean War, injured his ankle during combat over 50 years ago. While Mr. Reed was recognized for his valor, earning the Combat Infantry Badge, United Nations Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, he never received the Purple Heart which he earned. Fortunately, he contacted Congressman Adler's office who intervened on his behalf. More than fifty years later, Congressman John Adler presented Army Corporal Cpl. Philip James Reed with the Purple Heart at a ceremony in his Toms River office.

"Our veterans deserve our respect and gratitude," Congressman John Adler said. "I applaud Cpl. Philip James Reed for his distinguished service and selflessness. This honor is long overdue, and I am glad my office was able to help."

Over five decades ago, Cpl. Reed injured his ankle during combat. However, he never received the Purple Heart despite an injury suffered on the battlefield. After serving his country, Cpl. Reed, a lifelong New Jersey resident, served the community of Kearney as a police officer. He would retire from the police force as a Captain.

Philip and his wife Dolores raised three children Philip, Gregory and Glen. They moved to Berkeley twelve years ago. After moving to Berkeley, Cpl. Reed joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Silver Holiday Post No. 10185, where he would eventually serve as Commander. The former VFW Commander was joined by his wife and the Mayor of Berkeley Jason Varano at the ceremony.

"I am grateful to be recognized for the sacrifice I made for our great country," said Cpl. Reed. "I thank Congressman Adler for helping me receive this honor and for sharing this moment with my family. My thoughts and prayers are with the brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces today."

Congressman John Adler has offices in Toms River and Marlton to help his constituents navigate through federal agencies and programs to obtain the benefits they deserve. To date, his constituent services team has opened approximately 1500 cases and attained nearly \$2 million worth of federal benefits owed to local residents. In order to make his constituent

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services team more accessible, Congressman Adler recently announced community office hours. You can find when his constituent services team will be around your community by visiting his website: <http://adler.house.gov>.